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***Waycross Man Receives 15 Month Sentence for
Making False Statements to IRS***

SAVANNAH: Rick Thompson, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced today that **Keith Eugene Thomas**, 44, was sentenced on October 8, 2003, in U.S. District Court by United States District Judge William T. Moore, Jr. on his plea of guilty for making false statements to the Internal Revenue Service. Thomas was sentenced to serve 15 months imprisonment followed by 5 years supervised release, to perform 80 hours community service, make restitution in the amount of \$40,409.45 and pay a special assessment of \$50.

The investigation was conducted by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal investigation Division. The government was represented by Assistant United States Attorney Lamar C. Walter.

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